

or marriage related) or a ranch manager (paid employee who has state, federal, or FICA taxes withheld from pay). Only one person may use designated preference in a partnership or corporation.

- Nonresidents owning land in Montana should contact FWP Headquarters in Helena at 406-444-2950 for details on how to apply for landowner preference. See the Licenses Available Chart for prerequisite license requirements and deadlines to apply.

Drawing Results

License	Drawing Results	Refunds Mailed
Nonresident Combination	Mid-April	End of April
Deer & Elk Permits	Mid-April	End of April
SuperTags for: Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Bison, Deer, Elk, Moose, Mountain Goat, Mountain Lion	After July 11	NA
Antelope, Deer, Elk Licenses	Mid-July	End of August
Check for drawing results at http://fwp.mt.gov/myfwpApps/myfwp_input.action		

Fees and Refunds

- In addition to the cost of each permit or license, there is a \$5 nonrefundable application fee for each license or permit you apply for.
- In some situations, FWP may refund resident or nonresident (in full or in part) fees for licenses and/or drawings.
- The appropriate documentation (death certificate, medical statement, etc.) must accompany the unused license(s) and a signed request form certifying the license(s) has not been used. Nonresident license holders should call 406-444-2950 for information.
- Situations include:

Reason	Deadline	Refund
Death of licensee	12/31/16	100%
Death of family member	12/31/16	90%
Medical emergency	12/31/16	90%

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- If you do not receive your license or refund within 2-3 weeks of time from refund dates. Note: the license fee is refunded if an applicant is unsuccessful in the drawings, unless there is a valid obligation owed to the State of Montana or if the refund is less than \$5.
- For information on drawings for big game hunting.
- For surplus licenses (any left over licenses or permits from the drawings) information and applications (available by early August).

License Discount Opportunities

- Montana resident members of the Montana National Guard, Federal Reserve or Active Duty, who participated after September 11, 2001 in a contingency operation outside the state for two months and have been released from active duty or discharged, are entitled to a free conservation license OR a sportsman without bear license for a fee of \$10. These licenses will be issued only at FWP offices. DD 214 and supporting documentation is required.
 - To take advantage of this opportunity you must obtain the license in the year you returned from military service, or in the following year.
- A veteran with certain combat connected injuries may be entitled to half-priced licenses for deer and antelope. Up to 50 licenses will be issued annually. Contact FWP License Bureau Chief for details at 406-444-2663.
- Nonresidents who hold a current upland game bird license, big game combination, elk combination or deer combination license may purchase a nonresident turkey license for \$57.50.
- Nonresident Youth Big Game Combination Licenses will be sold for \$505.50 beginning March 1 to nonresident youth who have an adult immediate family member sponsor (applicant's natural or adoptive parent, grandparent, brother or sister who is 18 years of age or older) who possesses a current resident deer or elk license or a nonresident big game, elk combination or nonresident deer combination license. The youth must be accompanied by the sponsor while hunting. Applications are available from FWP's website at <http://fwp.mt.gov> and will be processed at any FWP office. For further details and an application, contact Licensing at 406-444-2950.
- Nonresident children of residents may be entitled to reduced rate licenses for up to six years from the date they received their diploma or GED. To qualify the child must have: 1) been born and raised in Montana; 2) attended and completed high school or attained a GED in Montana; and 3) the parent(s) still reside in Montana. Licenses will be issued at FWP offices with verification of Birth Certificate, Montana high school diploma or GED, and proof that natural or adoptive parent is still a current Montana resident. Any nonresident youth hunting with this license must be accompanied by a licensed resident family member while hunting in the field.
- Nonresident students enrolled as a full-time student (12 or more credits) in a postsecondary educational institution in Montana or Nonresident full time students in another state who graduated from a MT High School and their parent is a MT resident are now eligible for discounted hunting licenses. The nonresident college student big game combination license will cost \$505.50 and includes Conservation, base hunting license, fishing, upland bird, deer and elk.
 - Application for the nonresident college student big game combination license may be made after the second Monday in September at any FWP Regional office or Department Headquarters in Helena. To qualify, the applicant shall present a valid student identification card and copy of

paid tuition as current full-time enrollment at a post secondary education institution in Montana. Payment of the \$15 Base Hunting License fee is also required. Proof of completing a hunter education course is also needed.

Youth Opportunities

Youth Elk Hunts

- Youth 12 (by Jan 16, 2017) -15 years of age may hunt elk as listed in the specific hunting district regulations without applying for an elk permit through the drawing in the following hunting districts. Be sure to check specific hunting district regulations as youth hunting opportunities in some of the districts listed below may not include either-sex or antlered bull elk.

Resident and Nonresident Youth Opportunities with a General License

R2	201, 204, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 240, 261, 262, 270, 280, 281, 283, 291, 292, 293
R3	300, 301, 302, 310, 311, 314, 316, 317, 318, 319, 321, 328, 329, 331, 332, 334, 335, 339, 340, 341, 343, 360, 361, 362, 380, 392
R5	560

Youth Elk Permits and Elk B Licenses

- Elk permits and elk B licenses only for youth 12 (by Jan 16, 2017) -15 years of age to hunt elk as listed in the specific hunting district regulations are offered in hunting districts listed below.
- To qualify, the applicant must:
 - be 12 (by Jan 16, 2017) -15 years of age at time of application.
 - show proof of successfully completing hunter education.
 - be accompanied, while hunting, by an adult and/or guardian who is at least 18 years of age.
- Youth that are 15 years of age at the start of the general season, October 22, are eligible to hunt in the youth areas even if they turn 16 years of age during the season.

Youth Resident/Nonresident Elk Permits

R2	282-10, 217-11
R3	313-10

Elk B Licenses

R2	270-01, 270-03, 270-05
R4	490-50
R6	621-00, 631-01, 690-00

Youth Hunter	
Age	Opportunities and Special Requirements
Available To Resident & Nonresident	
10-17	An Apprentice Hunter is a resident or nonresident, 10-17 years of age, certified at an FWP office. This allows the youth to hunt some species, while accompanied by a mentor, without first completing a hunter education course. The apprentice hunter may not apply for or purchase a bighorn sheep license or a hunting license or permit with a limited quota. Other restrictions apply. See our website for details at: http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/licenses/all/apprenticeHunter/default.html .
11	A youth 11 years of age who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2017, may: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase a hunting license, except spring turkey and spring black bear, and must be able to show proof of having completed an approved hunter education course at the time of purchase. • Apply for any special drawing, except spring turkey, and must be able to show proof of having completed an approved hunter education course at the time of application. • After August 15, 2016, hunt any game species for which their license is valid during an open season.
12-13	In order to carry or use a firearm in public, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the child; or be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, as per Montana law.
12-15	<u>Youth Statewide Two-Day Deer Hunt</u> – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The F&W Commission is allowing two additional days to provide a hunting opportunity to encourage youth participation in deer hunting. • Legally licensed hunters 10 through 15 years of age may hunt deer during the Statewide Two-day Youth Only Deer Season –October 20-21. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – During these two days, youth hunters with a general deer or deer B license may take those deer species and sex otherwise available on their general or deer B license the first day of the general firearm season in the specific hunting district the youth is hunting. • A non-hunting adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter in the field. • Shooting hours, hunter safety requirements and all other regulations that apply to the regular deer firearm season shall apply to this youth two-day deer season.
Available To Nonresident Only	
12-17	Nonresident Youth Big Game Combination Licenses will be sold for \$505.50 beginning Feb 16 to nonresident youth who have an adult immediate-family member sponsor (applicant's natural or adoptive parent, grandparent, brother or sister who is 18 years of age or older and possesses a current resident or nonresident general deer or elk license). The youth must be accompanied by the sponsor while hunting. Applications are available from FWP's website and may be processed at any FWP Office. For further details and an application, contact Licensing at 406-444-2950.



Pass it on.

Share your passion for hunting by becoming a Montana hunter or bowhunter education instructor. It's a great way to give back and be part of the community of volunteer instructors.

Contact your nearest FWP office for more information on how to become an instructor or contact program coordinator
Wayde Cooperider at (406) 444-9947 or wacooperider@mt.gov

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Be safe and enjoy your hunting season!

How to use these Regulations

1. Identify the species you want to hunt.
2. Identify the district where you want to hunt (deer and elk map on pages 21-29, antelope map on pages 89-93).
3. Find that hunting district (deer and elk district regulations on pages 32-72, antelope district regulations on pages 95-101).
4. Read the regulations for the selected district to determine what species, when and where (if there are any restrictions within the hunting district) you may hunt in that district.
5. Check the legal description and any Restricted Area Descriptions (pages 16-17) for the district. It is your responsibility to know that you are in a legal hunting area.